

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, since the very first day of this Congress, Democrats have been urging our Republican colleagues to take action on campaign finance reform. Democrats believe that we need to stop the flow of money into politics, and we have used every single procedure at our disposal to attempt to force a vote on this issue.

But despite his famous handshake with President Clinton 2 years ago, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] has thus far refused to act on the issue, refused to schedule a hearing, refused to schedule debate. He has refused to schedule a vote on campaign finance reform.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats believe and the American people believe that our political system is broken and that it needs fixing. The Republican leader of the other body finally caved in to Democratic pressure and has promised to vote on campaign finance reform.

Mr. Speaker, I ask, "Where is our vote in the House of Representatives, in the people's House?"

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OHIO ENERGY COMPANY SHOWS LEADERSHIP IN QUEST FOR CLEAN AIR

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I just want to take a moment to pay my compliments to a Cincinnati firm that is moving full speed ahead in an effort to bring cleaner air to southern Ohio and to the surrounding region. Cinergy Corp. announced yesterday that it will voluntarily reduce nitrogen oxide emissions from its plants by two-thirds from 1990 levels. The company will also conduct a demonstration of advanced technology at its plant in North Bend, OH, converting nitrogen oxide into harmless nitrogen gas and water. If successful, the technology could reduce nitrogen oxide emissions at the plant by 30 to 40 percent.

Mr. Speaker, Cinergy's leadership in the ongoing battle for a cleaner environment in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana region will hopefully encourage others in the energy-producing field to take similar positive steps on their own. I congratulate Cinergy, and I wish all of those involved in this critical environmental project the best of luck.

LET ELECTION IN 46TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA STAND

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I know a little something about snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. All over

this country, so-called folks in the know counted me out. And in the 46th District of California the same thing happened. Nobody gave LORETTA SANCHEZ a chance of beating the infamous Bob Dornan. But she won in an election fair and square. But stung by the fact that he lost to a woman, he has not given up the fight. One would think he would just declare his intention to run in the next election, but no, not this Bob Dornan. And no, not this Republican Party. They have conducted a well-organized witch-hunt that is insulting to America's values. They have targeted every Hispanic voter as if they did not have the right to vote. And the Republican leadership has sided with Dornan over the people of the 46th District. Could it be that they think that Hispanic voters do not count?

The Republicans would have us believe that they have changed, that they have mellowed. Unless they stop the race baiting now, they will prove themselves to be what we always suspected all along.

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL TEST

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of talk about national testing, so I designed one for Congress. Multiple choice. If a Federal official raises money from a taxpayer-funded office, he is:

A. Breaking the law.

B. OK if it is soft money.

C. OK if he does not remember doing it.

Number 2. A Buddhist temple is:

A. A place of worship.

B. A great spot for a fund-raiser.

C. I do not recall. I never went to one. I never heard of it. Anyway, it was not a fund-raiser.

True or false/Definitions. If you were subpoenaed by the Thompson committee, DNC stands for "did not come."

If you were a major TV network during the Thompson hearings, DNC stands for "did not cover."

If you are the Vice President, DNC stands for "did not call."

If you are a foreign national, DNC stands for "did not contribute."

Finally, Discussion Questions. What is the difference between "Find Waldo" and John Huang?

Answer: You can eventually find Waldo.

OPPOSE GORTON AMENDMENT IN INTEREST OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

(Mr. BLAGOJEVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, Abraham Lincoln said that the most important commitment we as a people can make is to public education. Yet

there are forces here in Congress who would undermine that commitment. Programs like the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act, which provides local school districts with security guards, installs metal detectors and teaches children about the dangers of drugs and gangs are in jeopardy. If the Gorton amendment passes, not a single Federal dollar would be guaranteed to fund that program.

Mr. Speaker, college is not for everyone. The School To Work Program is designed to help students make the transition from high school to work. If the Gorton amendment passes, not a single Federal dollar would be guaranteed to help students make that transition.

More than ever, as we approach the 21st century, our children rely on computers to prepare them for the high-tech world. If the Gorton amendment passes, not a single Federal dollar would be there to help them have computers and technology in their classrooms.

We must not allow this to happen. Let us make our schools safe and drug-free, let us give our high school graduates employment options, and let us oppose the Gorton amendment and redouble our efforts to public education.

EDUCATION POLICY FROM A REPUBLICAN STANDPOINT

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I was home in my district this past weekend and was introduced to someone by a friend. The person I met with told me something that I found very troubling. She told me, "Hi, I'm a strong conservative and an enthusiastic supporter of the Republican Party, but I'm also very pro-education."

"But?" I said.

She said that she had to admit that she was very upset by all the things she had heard about us cutting education. Then I had to admit that I was very troubled to hear her say this.

Mr. Speaker, it is Republicans who believe that education is primarily a task that is best handled by local school boards and not by the Federal Government. It is Republicans who believe that parents should have the most control over their children's education, not bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. We must continue to stand up to the liberals who want to federalize education and bring Washington, D.C. into curriculum decisions that are best made by those in the local community, school boards, teachers, and parents.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM TRAILS HANDSHAKES

(Mr. SNYDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, in June 1995, the President and Speaker of the